

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

DATA SHEET

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Chestertown Historic District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Canada Drive (U.S. Route 9)

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

29th

STATE

New York

VICINITY OF

CODE
036

COUNTY

Warren

CODE

113

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

~~XXXXX~~ The Fowler House is owned by Ms. Fern Clippard, Chestertown, NY
The Chester Town Hall is owned by the Town of Chester, NY

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ The Church of the Good Shepherd is owned by the Episcopal
Diocese of Albany, NY ~~XXXXXX~~

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Warren County Municipal Building

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lake George

STATE

New York

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Historic Resource Survey

DATE

1973

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

NYS Office of Parks & Recreation, Div. for Historic Preservation

CITY, TOWN

Albany

STATE

New York

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Chestertown is a small village of modest mid and late 19th century buildings located on U.S. Route 9 in the north central section of Warren County. The area is within the Adirondack Forest Preserve, but is zoned for rural use rather than forest. Lakes abound and the town is bordered on the west by the Schroon River and on the east by the Hudson. Route 9 was at one time a major north-south artery. In recent years the Adirondack Northway has taken over its function.

The Chestertown Historic District consists of a grouping of three architecturally worthy buildings which face on Route 9 in the center of the village; the Fowler Homestead, the Church of the Good Shepherd and the Chester Town Hall. There are no other architecturally significant buildings in the immediate area. Several barns and outbuildings are located to the rear of the farmhouse; the Fowler cemetery and a centennial monument of 1913 are also within the boundaries of the district.

The Fowler house is a rambling wood sheathed structure which was built in several stages. The portion reputed to be the oldest is a small one and a half story section with eyebrow windows on the front facade. A rectangular wing abuts this at the rear. The most prominent part of the house is the Greek Revival ~~section~~ section. This is a typical, well-executed and well-preserved example of the style with pediment, frieze, architrave and paneled pilasters. The paneled window surrounds have projecting ears and fine cornice moldings. The two verandas appear to have been built during this period; however the balustrade is late 19th century. This portion of the house has the kind of fine wood detailing which creates interesting surface patterns of light and shadow and makes a notable building out of a rectangular box. There are two old barns and two sheds on the property.

The Church of the Good Shepherd is an L-shaped wood-sheathed building which has been doubled in size by the addition of a parish hall at the rear in 1954. The original 1884 building is still remarkably intact. It is a small, L-shaped building with a steeply pitched gabled roof, bell tower and separate vestibule.

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The roof has a deep overhang with a stick style decoration in the gable end, similar to that illustrated on Plate IV of Palliser's Model Homes (1878). The open belfry has jig-saw work, brackets and a bellcast ~~bellcast~~ roof. The small vestibule repeats the steep pitch of the roof but has a small cross gable, creating a complicated pattern which provides visual interest at the entrance. The church demonstrates how much can be done to create a feeling of intimacy and appeal using the simplest of materials and forms.

The Chester Town Hall is a two story, symmetrical building with a hip roof. Three bays of the five bay front facade are occupied by a central projecting block containing a tower which rises an additional story. The tower projects slightly from the block over the roof of a one-bay open porch. Windows vary. Most are spaced singly but there are paired windows on the front facade and two banks of four windows at the rear. The only decorative elements are the widely-spaced roof brackets, the entrance with barrel-arched transom, and the windows of the tower with similar arches. A massive brick chimney rises from the center of the roof.

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Chestertown Historic District, Chestertown, Warren County, N.Y.

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Re: Request of 4/77 from Bill Lebovitch for photographs of the Fowler Cemetery and the Fowler barns, which are within the boundaries of the historic district; this would necessitate another staff visit to a rather remote site as we had a great deal of difficulty obtaining photographs of acceptable quality through our local contacts. In view of the fact that the nomination has already been in Washington since last August, we ask that this new requirement be waived.

The barns and sheds are of mid-19th century vintage and in good condition. The cemetery is a small plot surrounded by a low stone wall. It was the family cemetery of the Fowlers and contains 19th century headstones.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Three adjacent buildings derived from as many historical periods and serving diverse functions, comprise a small but locally significant grouping in the village of Chestertown.

The first building is a well-preserved example of a Greek Revival farmhouse together with its barns. A portion of the house is thought to date from the 18th century pioneer occupation of the area. The adjacent small church is a translation into rural vernacular of the parish church revival style and illustrates the success of the late 19th century Episcopal missionary work in the Adirondacks. Lastly, the building now used as a town hall and museum was built in the early 20th century in an *authentic* form to serve its first purpose of public school.

The village of Chestertown is said to have come into being between 1805 and 1820. By 1835 the place contained two churches (a Baptist and a Presbyterian), a grist mill, sawmill, academy, two taverns, three stores and about 150 homes. Early industries were lumbering, tanning and mining; later came dairying, sheep raising and some small textile industries. Tourism was on the rise in the latter part of the 19th century, when the village had two hotels, both of which are now gone.

The Fowler farmhouse appears on the county map of 1858. Charles Fowler had purchased the property during the first quarter of the 19th century, but a portion of the house is thought to predate his ownership. The substantial Greek Revival period portion of the house was probably built by Fowler in the 1840's.

The large farmhouse was carefully detailed in the best tradition of the period. Although houses of this calibre are plentiful in other parts of the state, they are much less frequent in the Adirondacks, which was sparsely settled at this time and had few prosperous farms. Charles Fowler kept a store. His sons, Byron B. and Joseph, both born in Chester, went on to become prominent merchants of Glens Falls. Byron B. ran Fowler Bros. while Joseph organized the Glens Falls Shirt Company, the Lime Company and the Brick and Tile Company and was also president of the Glens Falls Corporation.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Smith, H.P. History of Warren County. Syracuse: D. Mason and Co., 1885.

Briggs, Warren Richard. Modern American School Buildings. New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1909.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.5 acres ±

UTM REFERENCES

D-A	18	596620	4833740	A	18	596680	4833740
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C	18	596620	4833630	B-X	18	596680	4833630
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The eastern boundary is U.S. Rt. 9. The northern boundary follows the northern property line of the property belonging to Fern Clippard. The western boundary is a line parallel to Rt. 9 and 280 feet west of it. The southern boundary runs east-west along the southern extremity of the Fowler cemetery from the west boundary to Rt. 9.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Doris Vanderlipp Manley, Program Analyst

ORGANIZATION NYS Office of Parks & Recreation
Division for Historic Preservation

DATE
June, 1976

STREET & NUMBER

Empire State Plaza, Agency Bldg. #1

TELEPHONE
474-0479

CITY OR TOWN

Albany,

STATE
New York

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

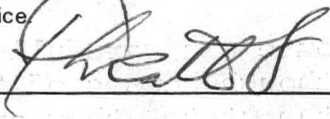
NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL XX

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

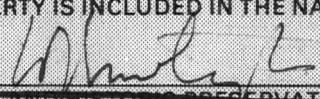


TITLE Deputy Commissioner for Historic Preservation

DATE 8/2/76

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER



DATE 8/22/77

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:



DATE 8-12-77

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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The Church of the Good Shepherd was built in 1883 at a cost of \$2500. The small rural church was a result of the missionary zeal and reaching out of the Albany Episcopal Diocese which had been formed from the New York Diocese in 1868. Throughout the first half of the 19th century, New York under Bishop Hobart had been noted for its support of struggling new parishes. By 1859 there were five churches in Warren County, the most important being the 1855 Church of the Messiah in Glens Falls. The church in Chestertown is an example of the small mission church which resulted from this impetus.

Since Upjohn's work was the chief influence in guiding the architecture of small wood parish churches at this time, especially the Episcopalian, the Chestertown Church understandably expresses this influence. As originally built, its proportions and massing closely resembled the country church design in Rural Architecture. A steep roof, small lancet windows, and attenuated spire were combined to create the type of "haivee, quaint charm" alluded to in Richard Upjohn: Architect and Churchman.¹

The Chester Town Hall, which houses an historical museum on the second floor, was built in 1913 to serve as a high school for the towns of Chester, Horicon, Hague and Johnsburg. Pupils also attended from Schroon Lake in Essex County. The building has had a varied career. During World War II it was used as a factory and later became an antique shop. The town of Chester then took over the building for use as a town hall and museum.

The architecture of 19th century school buildings, like that of industrial structures, was largely governed by practical considerations. Early academies were usually plain, with the only embellishment often being a bell tower or cupola. Texts on school architecture throughout the century show buildings with less embellishment than was the rule for domestic architecture, while in texts dealing with rural areas, schools are depicted as providing only basic shelter. In 1909, in his book Modern American School Buildings, Warren Briggs comments:

¹Upjohn, Everhard M. Richard Upjohn: Architect and Churchman. (New York: Columbia University Press, 1939), p. 120.

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As to the exterior, it seems to me that a school building should show some idea of architectural proportion and symmetry; because a structure is designed for simple and homely purposes it does not follow that it must be unsurpassingly ugly; yet how few of the village schools that dot the pleasant landscape of our country are pleasing to look upon? It is true that they have the simplest of lines and are usually built of the homeliest materials; but even with these drawbacks, well-studied lines and carefully proportioned masses combined with the plainest materials may in skillful hands make a village school building a thing of beauty.²

The Chestertown high school embodies the principles of this statement to perfection. Though conceived of as a hip-roofed, wood-sheathed box, the building achieves visual interest through the projection of the central section with its tower. The play of light and shadow upon these masses together with the contrast between the monolithic forms and the delicate surface patterns of wood siding and trim, combine to make this a worthy expression of the vernacular.

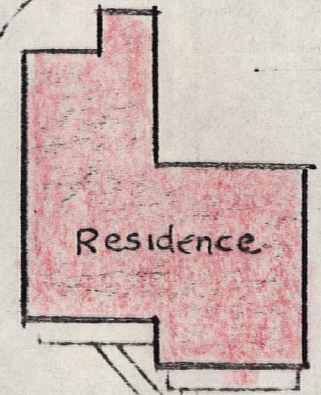
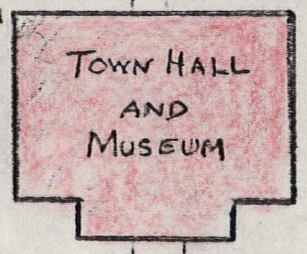
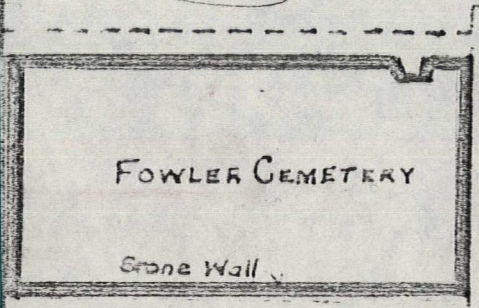
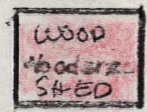
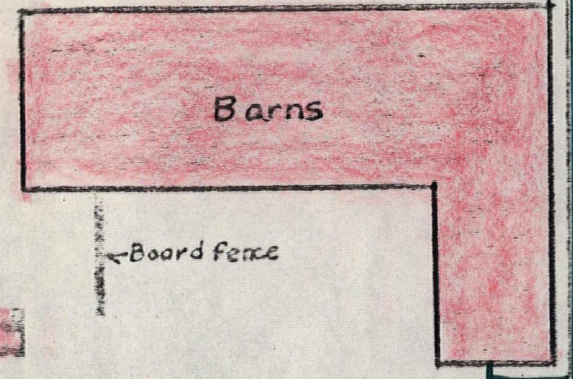
It is these same qualities of austerity, simplicity and the chiaroscuro of wood detailing which gives continuity and unity to these three contiguous examples of anonymous architecture, making them worthy of attention and future preservation.

²Warren Richard Briggs. Modern American School Buildings. (New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1909), p. 347

DISTRICT BOUNDARY

FOWLER - DOWNS PROPERTY

NOW OWNED BY
FERN CLIPPURD



2807.00

PROPERTY LINE
HERE

SOUTH CANADA DRIVE - U.S. ROUTE 9

To Junction
U.S. Route

Scale: 1" = ±40



Chesterburn
Historic District
Warren Co., N.Y.

→ Z
Prepared by
Caroline Fish
1974

Property Chester town ~~Historic District~~
State N.Y. Working Number 8.9.76.3903

Warren

TECHNICAL

Photos 3
Maps 1

[Handwritten scribbles]

CONTROL

OK - 8.10.76

HISTORIAN

~~call~~
B. Grovner
10/28/76

These buildings don't have much in common historically to bind them into a district, ~~although~~ but each on its own is acceptable as locally important, and they seem to be visually cohesive. The other features are not adequately discussed however, and as written, I don't see why these 3 buildings couldn't be nominated under the category "buildings" on smaller acreage.

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

~~W.D.~~
Lelovich
11.5.76

what about photos/discussion of cemetery barns, outbuildings
I suspect there is a larger district possible even if bldgs are not of outstanding arch. sig.

The farm is as complete as I can get it.

Called Doris
4.13.77

ARCHEOLOGIST

Accept
Lelovich
5.2.77

cannot get photos, will send add. inform. on cemetery outbuildings

typical N.Y. obstinance. Accept 5/6/77

OTHER

HAER

Inventory _____
Review _____

I agree that this isn't a district but the bldgs. are eligible, even individually and it's not worth pursuing.

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

Accept
Cok
5-3-77

BRANCH CHIEF

Hurington
8.12.77

~~Suggest this not be listed as a district~~

KEEPER

[Signature]
8/22/77

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered AUG 22 1977
Federal Register Entry 10-4-77 Re-submit _____



Fowler House

South Canada Dr

Chester town N.Y. 12817

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Photo by Curtis Peck

for Historical Society

Of the Town of Chester Inc

Fowler House: Chester town HISTORIC DISTRICT WARREN COUNTY
Chester town, N.Y.

Curtis Peck for the
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Town Hall **PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER**

South Canada Dr

Chestertown, N.Y. 12817

formerly 1st High School

in Northern ~~Warren~~ Co.

WARREN Co.

Chester Town Hall: CHESTER TOWN
CHESTERTOWN, N.Y. HISTORIC DISTRICT

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CHURCH
OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT
1872

2. Church of Good Shepherd
South Canada Dr.
Chester town
N.Y. 12817

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Church of the Good Shepherd

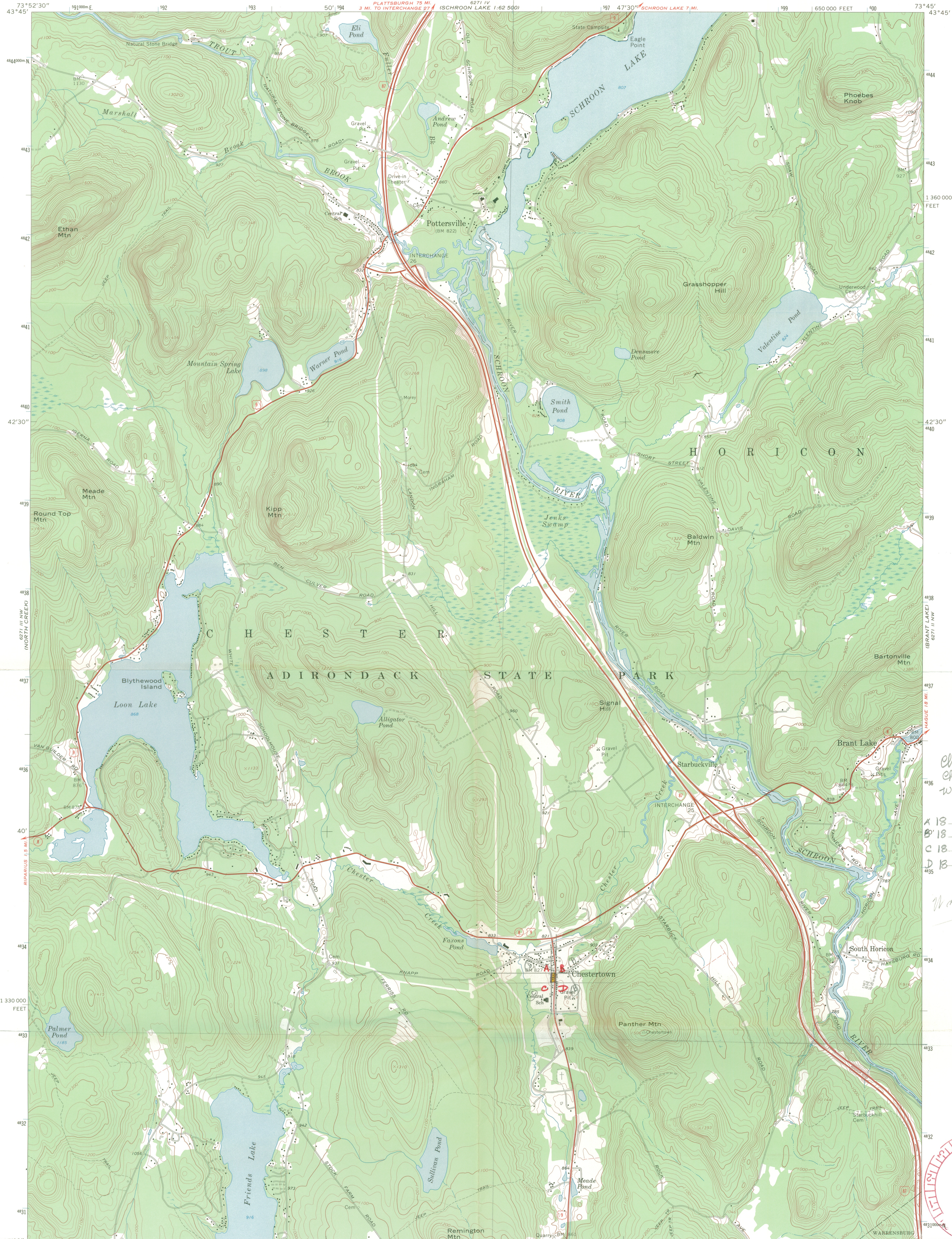
Chester town, N. Y.

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Chestertown, N.Y.
Warren County
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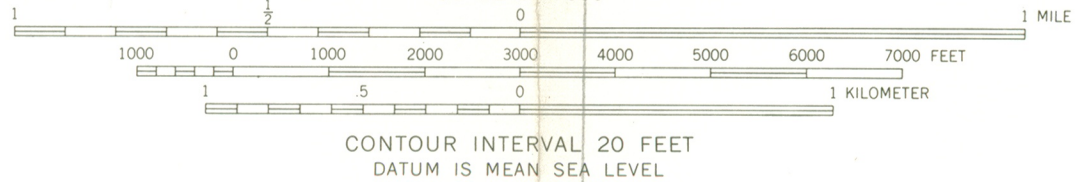
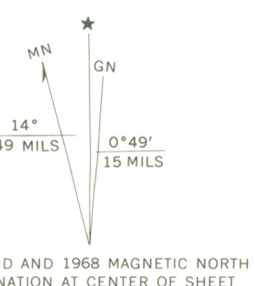
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Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on New York coordinate system, east zone
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18
shown in blue

Fine red dashed lines indicate selected fence and field lines where
generally visible on aerial photographs. This information is unchecked



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL



ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Primary highway, all weather, improved surface
Light-duty road, all weather, improved surface
Unimproved road, fair or dry weather
Interstate Route U.S. Route State Route

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

CHESTERTOWN, N. Y.
NE/4 NORTH CREEK 15' QUADRANGLE
N4337.5—W7345.7.5

1968

AMS 6271 III NE—SERIES V821

TOWN CLERK

Norine Shaw
Pottersville

TOWN JUSTICES

Chas. R. Leggett
Chestertown

E. Wendall Ross
Chestertown

COUNCILMEN

Lore Hildenbrand
Chestertown

Gerald Van Guilder
Chestertown

SUPERVISOR CARL H. ROBLEE



TOWN OF CHESTER

WARREN COUNTY

CHESTERTOWN, NEW YORK 12817

Tel. Chestertown 494-2711

HIGHWAY SUPT.

Joseph Thomas
R. D. North Creek

CHAIRMAN

OF
ASSESSORS

Fred Griffen
Pottersville

HISTORIAN

Mrs. Mark H. Fish
Chestertown

*Response
sent
3-28-77*

March 14, 1977

Re: H34-880

United States
Department of Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

Attn: Dr. William J. Murtagh

Dear Doctor:

In response to your letter of February 23, 1977, stating that the Town of Chester, Town Hall has been nominated by the State for listing in the National Register and that this information is pending in your office.

The Town Board would request that this property be listed in the National Register. The Building was built in the year 1912, as a school and served as such until about 1935. The Town of Chester took over the building and uses it for a Supervisor's Office, Assessor's Office and the upstairs of the building is used for a Museum, which contains many articles from the past.

Thank you for any information that might help us with this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

Carl H. Roblee

cc: Carolyn Fish, Curator
Chestertown Museum

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE NEW YORK

Date Entered AUG 22 1977

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>
Kemp, R. P., No. 1	Livingston County
Chestertown Historic District	Chestertown Warren County
St. Joseph's Church	Utica Oneida County
Fort Montgomery	Clinton County

Also Notified

Hon. Jacob K. Javits	State Historic Preservation Officer
Hon. Daniel P. Moynihan	Mr. Orin Lehman
Hon. Barber B. Conable, Jr.	Commissioner, Parks and Recreation
Hon. Edward W. Pattison	Agency Building #1
Hon. Donald J. Mitchell	Empire State Plaza
Hon. Robert C. McEwen	Albany, New York 12238
Regional Director, North Atlantic Region	

NR Data Sheet

DATE: 10/08/76
Reviewer INITIALS: JG
DOE AUG 22 1977

NAME AS IT APPEARS IN FEDERAL REGISTER: ^{STET} ~~Chestertown Historic District~~

OTHER NAMES:

LOCATION:

STREET & NUMBER Canada Dr. (U.S. 9)
CITY, TOWN Chestertown CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 29th
STATE New York 036 VICINITY OF COUNTY code
Warren 113

OWNER OF PROPERTY: (Circle) PRIVATE STATE LOCAL GOV'T MUNICIPAL COUNTY OTHER

ADMINISTRATOR (underline) FEDERAL (AGENCY NAME):
NPS REGION: (CIRCLE) N. ATLANTIC MID ATLANTIC SOUTHEAST MIDWEST
SOUTHWEST ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEST PACIFIC NORTHWEST

FEATURES:

INTERIOR EXTERIOR ENVIRONS
- Substantially intact-1 Substantially intact-2 - Substantially intact-3
- unknown - 4 - unknown -5 - unknown -6
 not applicable - 7 - not applicable - 8 - Not applicable-9

CONDITION - EXCELLENT DETERIORATED UNALTERED ORIGINAL SITE
 GOOD RUINS ALTERED MOVED
 FAIR UNEXPOSED Reconstructed Unknown
 Unexcavated Excavated

ACCESS - Yes-restricted Yes-unrestricted No access Unknown

historic district? YES NO

WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? YES NO
IF YES, NAME:

ADAPTIVE USE: YES NO Saved? YES NO

FUNCTION(S): (use vocabulary words)

then- residence; church; high school, factory, antique shop; outbuildings
now- residence; church; town hall + museum; outbuildings

SIGNIFICANCE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW/Gov't/politics | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE | <input type="checkbox"/> health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> settlement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> socio/cultural |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | | <input type="checkbox"/> urban & commun |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | | <input type="checkbox"/> planning |

Claims

"first" YES NO "oldest" YES NO "only" YES NO

ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

architect/m.builder:

engineer:

landscape/garden designer:

artist/artisan:

interior decorator:

builder/contractor:

ETHNIC GROUP:

NAMES:

personal

(label role & appropriate date)

events

institutional

DATES:

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (Specific date or 1/4 of century): *18th C., 1840 ; 1883 ; 1913*

DATE(S) OF "MAJOR" ALTERATIONS:

HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT DATE(S):

SOURCE:

(OF NOMINATION)

PRIVATE

STATE

LOCAL GOV'T

MUNICIPAL

COUNTY

OTHER

FEDERAL AGENCY:

ACREAGE:

(to nearest tenth of an acre)

2.5

COMMENTS:

(include architectural information here)

SIGNIFICANCE:(maximum two sentences)

The area's only architecturally significant buildings, these 3 buildings have each contributed to the town's development during different periods: part of the Fowler House is thought to date from the area's 18th C. settlement period and was later enlarged to a Greek Revival farmhouse; the Church of the Good Shepherd was one of several rural churches started as part of the missionary efforts of the Albany Episcopal Diocese, and was influenced by the architecture of Richard Upjohn; and the Town Hall has served a variety of community needs as a school, factory, shop, and now town hall & museum.